



Half-Day “Preschool and Me” Program

Tuition and Information Sheet

Participants: Preschooler and One Caring Adult (Parent/Guardian/Grandparent) per registration

Location: Vanderkamp Center, 337 Martin Rd, Cleveland, NY 13042

Calendar: Classes offered in 3 sessions over 10 months/year (January to mid-June, mid-September through December):

- ❖ Session One: January 15<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> (10 weeks; no classes February 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ Session Two: April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup> (11 weeks)
- ❖ Session Three: September 17<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup> (13 weeks; no classes November 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>)

Class Days & Times: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Mondays-Thursdays & Saturdays, and 1:00 – 4:00 pm Saturdays

Educational Tracks:

- ❖ “Sense of Wonder” Nature-Based/Play-Based (Monday & Wednesday mornings, Saturday afternoons)
- ❖ “Growing in Grace” Christian/Creation Care (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday mornings)

*Note: Days of Week Must Be Determined at Registration but can be changed by contacting the office—subject to availability. May choose day(s) from either of above educational tracks or a combination of both. Saturday curriculums repeat some of what was presented in classes earlier in the week. We did this to accommodate families where an accompanying adult works making weekday participation impossible and to provide opportunity to “make up” class content should a class be missed due to illness or other emergency.*

Annual Tuition Payable by Session or by Month:

<u>Tuition by Session*:</u>	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Savings
1 day/week:	\$120.00/10 classes	\$132.00/11 classes	\$156.00/13 classes	---
2 days/week:	\$230.00/20 classes	\$253.00/22 classes	\$299.00/26 classes	5%
3 days/week:	\$330.00/30 classes	\$363.00/33 classes	\$429.00/39 classes	10%
4 days/week:	\$420.00/40 classes	\$462.00/44 classes	\$546.00/52 classes	15%
5 days/week:	\$500.00/50 classes	\$550.00/55 classes	\$650.00/65 classes	20%

\* Session Payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month each session:

- ❖ Session One: January 15<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> (Payment due January 2<sup>nd</sup> due to New Year’s holiday )
- ❖ Session Two: April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup> (Payment due April 1<sup>st</sup>)
- ❖ Session Three: September 17<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Payment due September 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Note: Late enrollments are accepted and tuition fee will be pro-rated accordingly.**

Monthly Payment Plan: Families can request a monthly payment plan at time of registration. Payments are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month during a session. An additional processing fee of \$5.00 per month applies.



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#### **What You Need to Know Before Registering for This Vanderkamp Early Childhood Educational Program:**

Additional Adults: Maximum of two adults per child. Add at time of registration. Additional fee of \$5 per class applies.

Attendance: This is a preschool with an annually developed curriculum. Missing a class means missing out on the content of that class. Last minute cancellations or inconsistent attendance negatively impacts the learning environment and educational experience of all involved and should be restricted to illness, emergencies, or other extenuating circumstances. Attendance is expected for all registered classes within a session. When registering for an upcoming session, participating families can choose to increase, decrease, or maintain the number of days per week in their current session.

In the event of illness or other extenuating circumstances, we will work with your family to reasonably accommodate “missed classes” being “made up” within the family’s payment cycle as selected at time of registration (session or monthly)—subject to availability. Notifying us as early as possible regarding family vacations, appointments or other known situations helps us to plan lessons and accommodate your family’s schedule changes or other unanticipated interruptions to your child’s preschool attendance while maintaining the integrity and quality of the educational experience for other preschool families in the class.

Discounts: The more days per week, the greater the discounted rate. Multiple sibling discount is 10% per child.

Educational Philosophy: This preschool is rooted in contemporary child development and educational theories that acknowledge the importance of child-directed learning in the natural environment and within the classroom during early childhood. We use tools like guided discovery and scaffolding to provide uniquely tailored, individualized learning experiences that foster a child’s love of learning and positive relationships with others and the natural world. We strengthen families by directly involving parents in their preschooler’s education. Parents learn strategies they can use at home to encourage, guide, and stimulate their child’s healthy learning, growth and development.

Educational Tracks: Our *Growing in Grace* curriculum provides a Christian framework or lens through which we view the world, explore and learn about God’s creation, and focus on teachings from the Bible. While Vanderkamp is a Christian organization, we believe it is our ministry to serve the needs of everyone in our community regardless of a family’s religious beliefs or practices. Our *Sense of Wonder* curriculum is based on environmental education and nature interpretation teachings and practices found in public schools or nature centers. All are welcome! Families may choose either track or mix days between both. Selection is made at time of registration.

Maximum Class Size: 12 (Preschooler + Adult) pairs per daily session.

Maximum Preschooler to Adult Ratio: As adults accompanying preschoolers are responsible for supervision leaving our staff free to focus on their responsibilities as teachers and facilitators of learning, we limit this ratio to 2:1, preschooler to adult registrants.

Refund Policy: Only under extenuating circumstances. A \$25 processing fee applies per child. Your child’s preschool education matters to us as does the quality of this opportunity for all participating families. Our class schedule and pricing structure were thoughtfully designed to provide families with flexibility in scheduling and financing to meet their unique needs. See attendance for additional information regarding possibility of “making up” a missed class.

Registration or Questions: Call (315) 675-3651 for additional information or to obtain registration materials.

Scholarship Assistance: Partial scholarships may be requested during registration. We believe that all youth and their families benefit from participating in this early childhood education program; therefore, ***no child is ever denied this opportunity due to an inability to pay... and no family must bear the indignity of proving of their need.***

Snacks: A nutritious snack with beverage will be provided during each class.